

Weare Conservation Commission

Minutes

April 14, 2004

In attendance were: Tom Carr, Andy Fulton, Ellen Dokton

Meeting commenced at 7:18 P.M.

1a. **Minutes:**

Tom Carr read the minutes from the March 101 2004 meeting. The changes are as follow. Under item #4: Planning Board – change the second to last sentence in the first bullet to read “The wetlands were delineated by Michael Dalburg and the plan showed the wetlands setbacks. No issues of concern here. Under item #6, first bullet – take the ‘ out after the 400. Under the 2nd bullet, change the second sentence to read: “...weather dependent, and ...” Under item #7, 1st bullet change the second sentence to read: ‘ Tom presented the conservation corridor map to the Commission prior to the meeting. This map summarizes.....an overview of land that could be of value in establishing a course of action for future land purchases.” In the 3rd bullet under item #7, change “...deposit of \$5000.00.... after next month’s selectmen’s meeting.” Andy Fulton made motion to accept the minutes as amended and Ellen Dokton 2nd. All voted in favor to accept. The motion carried.

1b. **Election of Officers**

Ellen Dokton moved to elect Tom Carr as Chair, Andy Fulton as Vice Chair and John Ciampi as Secretary. Andy Fulton seconded the motion. The vote carried.

1c. **Pat Myers and New Conservation Member Stephen Najjar.**

Pat has chosen to continue with the WCC for another three years. Stephen Najjar is interested in becoming a member of the WCC. Steve has a MS in Forestry and BS in Forestry with a Wetland Minor. He has worked at New Boston AFS since 1991 as a part-time and seasonal (full-time summers) Forestry Technician and Natural Resources Planner (full-time) since 1995. The facility has 2800 acres. Steve recommends that we contact the Army Corps of Engineers to see if they have wildlife data for Weare. Tom Carr will email the Selectmen to appoint Steve to the WCC.

2. **Wetland Applications and/or discussion:** None

3. **Planning Board:** None

4. **Zoning Board:** None

5. **Wetlands Bureau Actions**

- Gary Fitzgerald/Adele Fitzgerald: Approval to construct a seasonal dock on Daniel’s Lake, Map 109 Lot 53-3. #2000-01836 - Tom Carr noted that this is an old application since it is numbered “2000.” It took 4 years for it to be approved.
- Gary Fitzgerald: Letter to Selectment regarding status of “deficiencies” on Map 110 Lot 77, Daniels’s Lake. Site Specific violation and pending review of potential wetlands violation. A letter was written to the Selectmen on 4/1/04 by DES Wetlands Bureau regarding Gary Fitzgerald’s December 2003/January 2004 development activities at Daniel’s Lake. Tom Carr read the letter aloud. DES inspected the development on 1/6/04 in response to a letter sent by the Weare BOS regarding potential wetland and/or Shoreland Protection Act violations. On 1/13/04 a letter of deficiency was issued to Mr. Fitzgerald by the DES Wetlands Bureau. The current case is open and under investigation and a decision regarding appropriate enforcement actions has yet to be made. We should call 603-271-4061,k MaryAnn Tilton, Enforcement Officer with any further information. Andy will send DES the photos he took of the property. There are prior issues with Mr. Fitzgerald. Pat has the most information on this matter. Pat will get a copy of the letter. On

another development, . Fitzgerald had proposed to have 2 separate driveways serving two separate lots. The associated wetland impact appeared minimized and was approved by WCC. As constructed, Mr. Fitzgerald made one common driveway entrance to the two lots through a wetland area that could have been avoided. A common driveway could have served the two lots with no wetland impact. Andy suggested that we send a letter response to the DES Wetlands Bureau on WCC stationery. Ellen Dokton moved that Andy write the letter and include the photographs as well as talk with Pat Myers for input to DES. Andy seconded the motion. Tom abstained.

- Town of Weare. Tom thinks that given the flooding that occurred last week the Town will be approved for using riprap.
- Brookshire LLC: Tom read DES letter to Mr. Baskerville. There were seven issues of concern. Mr. Baskerville has 180 days to reply or he will be denied permits.

6. Other Items:

Conservation Corridor: The map is with John so this discussion was held over until next month. The map outlines possible properties that could be acquired for conservation purposes. It provides a great base to work from.

Digital Camera: Cannon Model A80. Tom Carr will request \$400 from Elaine Pearson. We will be using the PSNH grants for the camera. The Conservation funds are for conservation projects, not just for purchasing land. Our next project may be a kiosk for the Wood property. Andy moved that we approve the recommended camera purchase and authorized Tom Carr to contact Elaine to get funds for that purpose. All approved. The camera will be kept, at this time, at Tom Carr's home so that it can be available to all members of the WCC as needed. Tom will email the Selectmen to get their input on how we should store the camera.

Wood Property: 207 acres. Pat has a copy of the property deed. Atty. Drescher of Milford (represents the Town) is making modifications to the deed to return to Ms. Wood's attorney for approval. We may not close by May 30. Pat has done a marvelous job with this project.

Comments to Planning Board from March meeting: Tom will forward the minutes to Naomi.

Bulletins/Newsletters: Tom has several newsletters that will be left in the WCC room.

14. After the meeting, Stephen Najjar decided that he does want to join. His email is sjnajjar@yahoo.com. We introduced ourselves to Steve. Ellen moved to adjourn and Andy seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Dokton (for John Ciampi)